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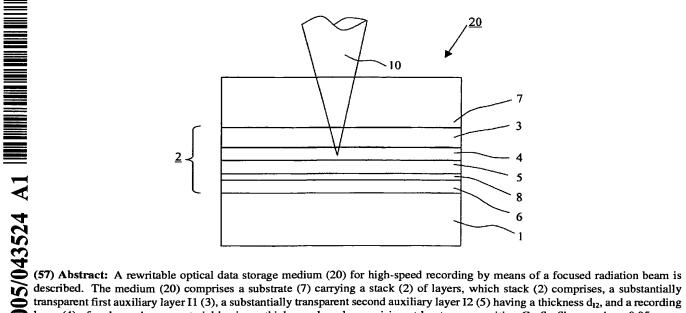
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transparent first auxiliary layer I1 (3), a substantially transparent second auxiliary layer I2 (5) having a thickness d<sub>12</sub>, and a recording layer (4) of a phase-change material having a thickness  $d_p$  and comprising at least a composition  $Ge_xSn_ySb_{1-x-y}$ , where  $0.05 < x < 10^{-5}$ 0.30 and 0.15 < y < 0.30. The recording layer (4) is interposed between I1 and I2. A third auxiliary layer I3 (6) with a thickness d<sub>13</sub> acting as a heat sink is being present at a side of I2 opposite to the side of the recording layer. The following formula is fulfilled  $\lambda_{12}/d_{12} > 5*10^8 \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1}$ , in which formula  $\lambda_{12}$  is the heat conduction coefficient of the material of the I2 layer. Thus an optical data storage medium is provided capable of being recorded at a relatively high linear recording speed of about 35 m/s or more.



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